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Sir:

Prior to the examination thereof, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 9-13 as follows.

9. (Amended) The method according to [either of] claim 7 [or 8], wherein the alcohol used in said step 5 is ethanol at a concentration less than 50% in the mixture.

10. (Amended) The method according to [any one of] claim[s] 7 [to 9], wherein said mixture for washing used in said step 5 is a solution containing 40% of ethanol and 10 mmol/liter or more of potassium acetate.

11. (Amended) The method according to [any one of] claim[s] 7 [to 10], wherein said mixture for washing used in said step 5 is a solution containing 40% of ethanol and 25 mmol/liter or more of sodium chloride.

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